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Re: RM - #8577 and Amendment to ET Docket 93-62

Dear Secretary of the FCC,

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This letter is to express our opposition to the above-referenced petition by the CTIA (Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association) to the FCC to "preempt state and local governments from enforcing zoning and other regulations which have the purpose or effect of barring or impeding commercial mobile radio service providers from locating and constructing new towers" (CTIA petition filed December 22, 1994, RM 8577, pp. 1-2). Furthermore we wish to express our concern on the preemption "of state and local regulation of electromagnetic energy matters" (Amendment to ET Docket 93-62) by the EEA (Electromagnetic Energy Association).

It is our position that only local and state zoning laws can best serve the communities for which they were designed. We strongly disagree with the CTIA's petition which describes local regulations as "unnecessary, disparate ... and no doubt contrary to the public interest."

Should this petition become law, it would allow the telecommunications industry to act without regard to citizens' valid concerns for the effects of these towers on their neighborhoods. These effects include health risks, environmental impact, diminution of property values and economic repercussions. According to the Wall Street Journal (12/23/94) the industry estimates it "could require as many as 100,000 tower sites by [the year] 2000."

We urge you to:

1) Extend the February 17th deadline for comments. To our knowledge, RM-8577 was not entered in the Federal Register and has received minimal press coverage. State and local officials as well as citizens have not been informed that such a major rule making decision is imminent.

2) Reject the above petitions and reaffirm the rights of states and localities in determining the placement of towers and regulation of power output.

Thank You,

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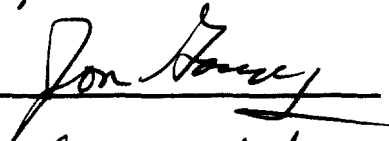
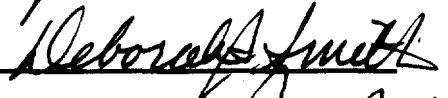
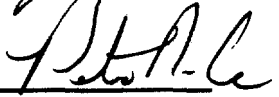

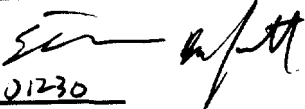
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